

ACTION MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL AND THE PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2001, AT 5:15 PM, AT HILLVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, 97 HILLVIEW AVENUE, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Lear, Council Members Becker, Casto, La Poll, and Moss
Chair Casas, Commissioners Charlton, Cooper, Lippe, McGee, Roeder, and Toppel via
phone
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

Tour of Los Altos Parks, Athletic Fields, and Playgrounds

Council Members, Commissioners, and staff toured Grant, Marymeade, McKenzie, Rosita, and Shoup Parks, and the Hillview Athletic field. Staff presented maintenance standards, schedules, renovation routines, and reviewed current and proposed CIP projects at the sites.

DISCUSSION

1. Athletic Field Maintenance Levels

Council Members, Commissioners, and staff discussed the need for maintenance level standards, a field user needs assessment, the reactivation of the Field Technical Advisory Group, and received an update regarding the Lincoln Park fence.

2. Playground Equipment Replacement Priorities

Council Members, Commissioners, and staff discussed the current and proposed CIP projects and processes for the playground equipment renovations at Marymeade, Shoup, and McKenzie Parks. Playground safety standards were also presented.

Council Discussion / Action

Council discussion followed regarding the order in which park staff was to proceed with as to playground equipment renovations, and the possibility of saving the tunnel element at Shoup Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER BECKER MOVED to direct staff to proceed with Shoup Park first and then Marymeade and McKenzie Parks. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CASTO AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

COUNCIL MEMBER LA POLL MOVED to have staff develop a cost estimate for the repair of the tunnels at Shoup Park. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CASTO AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. General Park Maintenance Issues

Council Members, Commissioners, and staff discussed the general conditions in the parks. Overall comments expressed positive feedback regarding the condition of restrooms, trees, and overall appearances of the parks.

4. Other Related Park Facility Issues

Council Members, Commissioners, and staff discussed the Hetch-Hetchy trail project and the implementation process staff was proceeding with. Support for an offsite tour of the property was expressed and staff will set up such a tour as the project proceeds.

Council Member Casto expressed support for the establishment of a permanent skateboard facility. Heritage Oaks Park was suggested. Staff reported they and the Commission would be investigating this issue and reporting back to Council at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

KING LEAR, MAYOR

DAVE BREES, RECREATION DIRECTOR